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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA RESUMES PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS

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1. SUMMARY: NORTH KOREAN DMZ PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS
CEASED JAN 25, BUT BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO TRADE ACCUSATIONS
REGARDING THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO TRANSMISSION OF REFTTEL, PROPAGANDA
BROADCASTS BY NORTH GUARD POSTS ALONG DMZ
CONTINUED THROUGH THE EVENING OF 24 JAN, GENERALLY
REPEATING VARIATIONS OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THEMES,
THEN CEASED. THE LAST REPORTED TEXT OF A BROADCAST
STATED "BECAUSE YOU VIOLATED THE JOINT AGREEMENT OF
4 JULY 1972, WE BEGAN BROADCASTING TO SOUTH. IF YOU DO
IT AGAIN, WE WILL BEGIN AGAIN". ALL BROADCASTING
WAS REPORTED TERMINATED BY 0345 ON THE MORNING OF
25 JAN, 1975.

3. THE ROKS PROTESTED THE RESUMPTION OF THIS TYPE
ACTIVITY IN TWO HOT LINE MESSAGES TO PYONGYANG,
JAN 25. JCS DIRECTOR LT. GEN LEW PYONG-HYON
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HAS TOLD US NORTH LET HOT LINE PHONE RING FOR OVER SIX

HOURS FIRST TIME ROKS CALLED. LEW SAID ROKG SIMPLY
PROTESTED BROADCASTS AND ASKED THAT THEY BE STOPPED.

4. PYONGYANG'S HOT LINE RESPONSE TO THE INITIATED
ROK PROTEST, AS REPORTED BY RADIO PYONGYANG, CHARGED
THE ROK'S WITH REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF
THE 4 JULY 1972 AGREEMENT. THE MESSAGE ALSO CHARGED
THE ROK WITH VIOLATIONS OF A 4 NOV 1972
AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY BANNING FRONT LINE PROPAGANDA
BROADCASTS. SEOUL WAS FURTHER CHARGED WITH HAVING
IGNORED NUMEROUS WARNINGS ABOUT THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.
THE NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE INDICATED THAT PYONGYANG
CONSIDERS ANTI-NORTH KOREAN ASPECTS OF ROK PUBLICITY
CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION INCIDENT AND THE
DMZ TUNNEL DISCOVERY AS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE
JULY 1972 AGREEMENT.

4. NORTH KOREAN SPOKESMAN FOR SOUTH/NORTH
COORDINATING COMMITTEE ISSUED STATEMENT JAN 26
STERNLY DENOUNCING SOUTH FOR INITIATING BROADCASTS
AND DISTORTING FACTS BY FABRICATING THAT NORTH HAD
DONE SO. SPOKESMAN SAID NORTH WOULD CONTINUOUSLY
ABIDE BY JULY 4 JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND WARNED THAT
IF PARK CHUNG HEE REGIME DOES NOT DO LIKEWISE NORTH
WILL RESOLUTELY TAKE PROPER MEASURES AGAINST THE
SOUTH.

5. ROKG HAS RESPONDED WITH ITS OWN COUNTER-ACCUSATIONS.
CULTURAL INFORMATION MINISTER MR. LEE WON-KYUNG IN
PUBLIC STATEMENT GIVEN MAJOR FRONT PAGE PLAY IN ALL
PAPERS BLAMED NORTH KOREANS FOR BETRAYING AGREEMENT OF
SOUTH/NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO STOP SLANDEROUS
BROADCASTS. LEE SAID THAT LATEST "PROPAGANDA OF THE
NORTH IS SERIOUS" AND "GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY
TAKEN MEASURES "(I.E. VIA HOT LINE) STRICTLY WARNING
COMMUNISTS TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THEIR PROVOCATIVE
ACTIVITIES AGAINST SOUTH. HE ADDED THAT COMMUNISTS ARE
NOW SEEMINGLY ATTEMPTING TO FIND AN EXCUSE TO TRIGGER
MILITARY PROVOCATION IN ANTICIPATION THAT THERE MUST
BE CHAOS IN THE SOUTH IN THE COURSE OF THE NATIONAL
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REFERENDUM. ROKG HAS ALSO ARRANGED FULL BRIEFING ON
JAN 27 OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEFENSE COMMITTEE
ON RESUMPTION OF BROADCASTS.
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